

Aggie Track Team Swings Into Action Against Rice and Texas In Tri-Meet

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The great Aggie track team swings into action again tomorrow in a tri-meet with Texas and Rice at Austin.

It will be the last meet before the Southwest Conference meet in Fort Worth the fifteenth of this month.

All members of the team are in fine shape and some of the best times and distances of the year should be produced.

The incomparable Darrow Hooper will lead the Aggies in the shot and discus as he has for the last three years. He has broken the existing shot record in nearly every meet this year. Most of the records broken were set by him last.

Another probable first place will go to team captain Bobby Ragsdale in the broad jump. Ragsdale has leaped 25 feet this year. This is farther than any other Southwest Conference athlete has ever jumped.

Malcolm Marks and Glen Spradlin should walk off with honors in the pole vault. Marks holds the all-

time Aggie vault record of 14 feet, 2 inches. Spradlin has been a close second or tied marks all year.

James Baker will handle quarter-mile chores quite capably. He will also anchor the sprint relay team.

Pete Mayeaux and Roy Dollar will toss the javelin in quest of another first for the Cadets.

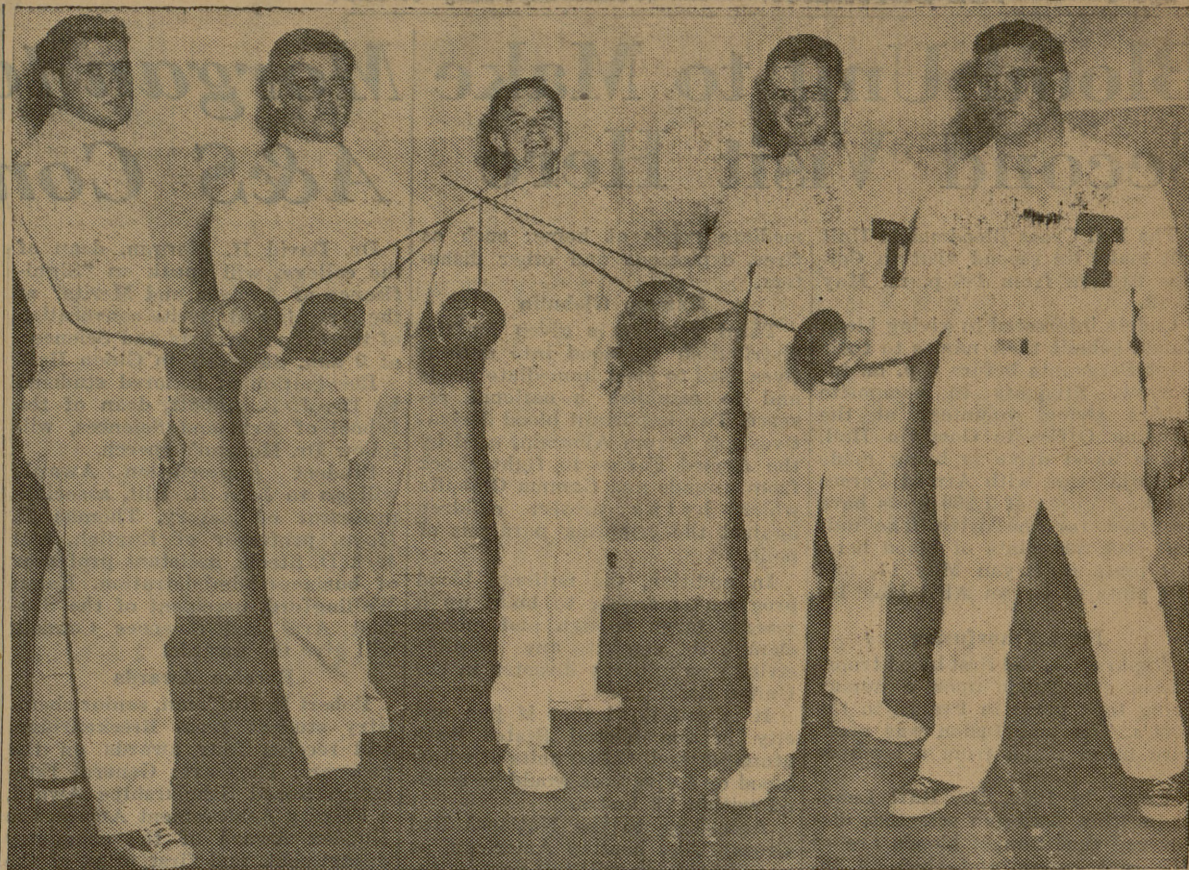
Texas will provide most of the competition for the Farmers. Don Neighbors took the mile run from the Aggies in the Quarterback relays in Corpus Christi earlier this year.

Bob Billingsly gained a tie for the Longhorns in the high jump in the same meet. He reached six feet, two inches.

The distance run of two miles should belong to A&M's James Blain without too much trouble. He edged Texas at Corpus Christi by a good 200 yards.

Captain Ragsdale has a good chance to cop a first or second in the 100 and 220 yard dashes. He should also finish at least second in the 220 yard low hurdles.

The meet should be a good warm up for the Conference meet in Fort Worth.



AGGIE SABRE TEAM—Helping A&M win the College Division title at Lubbock (left to right) they are Carroll Forester, Bill Huettel, Art Garner, Ted Fields, and Aden Magee.

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Hardgrove In Opener; Nelson Pitches Friday

Baseball Coach Beau Bell has selected Joe Hardgrove to pitch in tomorrow's game with the Baylor Bears in Waco, and Jerry Nelson gets the starting assignment in the Friday game.

Aggie hopes for a third place finish in the conference race and a mathematical chance for runner-up honors rest on the arms of these two pitchers, plus a little timely hitting. Two wins over the Bears, plus a Rice victory in one of its three - game series with Texas, would leave the Cadets needing only a split in the two-game series with the Longhorns to assure a second place tie with Texas.

Rowland to Start

Bell said he would probably start Sam Rowland on first because of the short fences at the Waco park, since Rowland hits a longer ball than Bill Munnerlyn.

Charlie Leissner and Don Heft are probable starters at second and short, while the starting assignment at third is still a toss-

up between Jerry Lastelick and Jim Parrish.

The regular trio of outfielders will be patrolling their usual positions, with Lester Byrd in left field, Tex Farmer in center, and Eric Miller in right field.

Behind the plate, Robinett may get the call to start, because of an edge in hitting power, but Jimmy Williams is a defensive standout. No baserunner has successfully stolen second base with Williams catching.

After concluding the Baylor series, the Aggies return to the Kyle Field diamond for the final games with Texas on May 14 and 15.

The Aggie record for the season is 10 wins and 10 losses, while the conference mark is six victories and five defeats.

Michalske Named A&M Line Coach

Mike Michalske, one of the outstanding line coaches in the nation, has been named Texas A&M line coach by the athletic council, Director of Athletics Barlow Irwin announced today.

Michalske comes to the A & M coaching staff after long and successful years as a college and professional player and coach. He received all-American honors while playing at Penn State and later was an outstanding player of pro football for the Baltimore Colts and Green Bay Packers.

The Aggie coach resigned as Baylor line coach the past winter after serving three seasons for the Bears. He replaces Paul McMurry on the Aggie staff. McMurry resigned last December to return to his farm near Rio Hondo. The latter had served under Head Coach Ray George as Aggie line coach for the 1951 and 1952 seasons.

Michalske is a graduate of Penn State in 1927. He played for the

Ag Fencers Take Second In AFLA Sectional Finals

The Aggie fencing team took second place in the AFLA sectional finals at Lubbock over the weekend. Salle Prin of Houston-Galveston was first and Texas Tech placed third.

A&M's epee team of Bill Willmann, Jimmy Pigg, Gus Wulfman, and Jerry Ramsey turned in an outstanding performance against Salle Prin. They fought an excellent series of bouts and lost by a narrow 5-4 margin. The epee team won the college division title.

The Aggie foil team beat Texas Tech 5-3 and Arizona 5-3 for the college title, but lost to Salle Prin in the club-college finals. Bob Jones, Bob Brashlau, and Ramsey made up the foil team.

Aggie sabre team of Ted Fields, Art Karner, and Aden Magee, lost

the college division title to Texas Tech by one bout.

In individual competition, the Aggies had several medal winners. Cadets placing in individual weapons were: Art Garner, first in novice sabre, and fourth in junior and intermediate sabre; Ramsey, first in junior epee, and fourth in novice epee and junior foil.

Others placing were: Joe Pafford third in junior foil; Bob Jones, fourth in intermediate foil; Brashlau, second in intermediate foil; Fields, third in intermediate sabre; Willmann, second in intermediate epee and third in open epee; and Pigg, second in junior epee.

Other teams and clubs entered in the meet were Dallas YMCA, TSCW, Fort Bliss, Rice, and University of Houston.

This meet ended a very success-

ful season for the Aggies. It was the last time Fields, Jones Willmann, and Magee will fence for A&M since they are to be graduated in May. Loss of these men will be felt, but the Cadets should field a strong team next year.

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